

PROCEEDINGS OF THE HISTORIC CONSERVATION BOARD

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2007

3:00 P.M., J. MARTIN GRIESEL ROOM, CENTENNIAL PLAZA II

The Historic Conservation Board met at 3:00 P.M., in the J. Martin Griesel Room, Centennial Plaza II, with members Senhauser, Bloomfield, Chatterjee, Kreider, Raser, Sullebarger and Spraul-Schmidt present. Absent: Wallace.

MINUTES

The Historic Conservation Board unanimously approved the minutes of the January 8, 2007 meeting (motion by Sullebarger, second by Bloomfield).

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS, 1939 FREEMAN AVENUE, DAYTON STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

Staff member Adrienne Cowden presented a staff report on an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace cornice windows at 1939 Freeman Avenue, a contributing building in Area B of the historic district.

Ms. Cowden explained that original two-light sash remain in the cornice openings facing Dayton Street and four-light units remain on Freeman Avenue. All hinge inwardly and are in poor condition. Those on Freeman sit behind oval openings, so an outward swinging awning or casement window will not operate. The owner proposes to install horizontal slider units in these openings.

Ms. Cowden said that the replacement sliders do not meet the historic district guidelines and recommended either restoring the existing windows or fitted the openings with an inward operating unit that will preserve the decorative cornice surround.

Ray Autenrieb, Quality Exteriors & Remodeling, and Aaron Harper, the building owner, were present to answer questions from the Board. Mr. Autenrieb said the sliders had been selected because they fit the openings, allowed for operation without disturbing the cornice surrounds and for safety. He circulated photographs of other cornice windows in the neighborhood. He confirmed for Mr. Kreider that the upper floor of the Dayton Street wing would be occupied as a residence, but that the topmost level facing Freeman would be attic storage.

Ms. Sullebarger said that the objection to the sliders was the irregular appearance they offered. She asked whether an inward-swinging hopper unit could be used. Mr. Autenrieb responded that it could. Ms. Sullebarger commended Mr. Harper for his work in the Dayton Street area.

BOARD ACTION

The Board voted unanimously (motion by Sullebarger second by Raser) to take the following actions:

1. Deny a Certificate of Appropriateness for new vinyl slider units to be fitted to the cornice windows facing Dayton Street and Freeman Avenue.
2. Approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for a single-pane, hinged cornice window to fit the cornice windows without modification to the openings, that unit to be approved by the Urban Conservator prior to installation.

OTHER BUSINESS

Urban Conservator William Forwood indicated that he had been contacted by Darrick Dansby of 3CDC requesting that a subcommittee of the Board be appointed to work with its architects,

Glaserworks, on the design of the proposed Music Hall Parking Garage as discussed at the January 22, 2007 meeting. Mr. Dannsby indicated that although there were still many outstanding issues to be resolved, 3CDC would proceed with the design work on schedule.

Mr. Senhauser expressed some general concerns for the project and suggested that the concept of a parking structure attached to and leading directly into Music Hall was fundamentally flawed. He suggested the scheme should be re-evaluated as a detached structure to be compatible with both Music Hall and Memorial Hall rather than an entry link joining the two. He recalled that the preliminary design review had not addressed the effect on significant interior spaces covered in Music Hall's landmark designation.

Mr. Chatterjee restated his concern that the project extended beyond simple design issues to the appropriateness of the facility as an urban solution. The Board agreed that Music Hall, Memorial Hall and Washington Park are part of the urban experience and that 3CDC (more than the architects) needs to reconsider its plan. The Board acknowledged the need to provide for an aging clientele seeking easy and secure access to performances and events.

Mr. Senhauser asked for volunteers to serve on a sub-committee. It was agreed that Mr. Bloomfield, Mr. Chatterjee and Ms. Sullebarger would serve; Mr. Kreider will act as an alternate.

ADJOURN

As there were no other items for consideration by the Board, the meeting adjourned.

William L. Forwood
Urban Conservator

John C. Senhauser
Chairman

Date: _____